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Coal Creek—In No. 1 mine, the mining rate of unrepresented violence was experienced here at a quarter to one this morning. The entire damage was slight.

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Message To Mislead Men

Notification Sent From Fernie
to the Miners at
Nanaimo.

Bad Business and Epidemic
of La Grippe Causes
Much Gloom.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, March 30.—The following official telegram from T. B. Craig, secretary of the Fernie Union to T. J. Hauton, secretary of the Nanaimo Union, both of the Western Federation of Miners, was received this evening:

"No settlement in sight. Tell men
not to move."

The latter sentence refers to the fact that a number of men proposed leaving Ladysmith and Nanaimo for the Cow's Nest as soon as the troubles there are over.

The third week of the Ladysmith trouble sees no change in the situation and the hope expressed during its earlier portion that it would not conclude without some effort being made to put an end to the deadlock existing has borne no fruit. The business men have held one or two meetings, but have not arrived at any decision of their future course, nor have they resolved on any collective effort in the event of an appeal to either or both of the principals. There has been some talk among the men of sending a delegation to Mr. Dunsmuir, and this possibly will be the next development. The matter was discussed at length at a mass meeting held Saturday afternoon, but no very definite arrangement was reached. Strict secrecy was observed, and so far no reliable information has leaked out.

Meanwhile the town is steadily emptying itself, and the full meaning of the situation is being borne in on those who remain. The disposition to enjoy the period of idleness which was so very noticeable during the early days of the dispute has disappeared, and the dullness and gloom have settled over the place which makes the atmosphere somewhat depressing to the visitor. The preparations to close the mines are too marked to be overlooked, and are necessarily taken into account by the population who are engaged in the endless and unprofitable task of sizing up the situation day after day and extracting less and less comfort from the process.

The feeling of depression already mentioned extends to Nanaimo where the month drawing to a close has been one of the worst from a business stand point for many years. This results in part from the closing down of the Dominion smelter as the smeltering pay day was only less important to Nanaimo storekeepers than the Nanaimo pay day, and in part from the cessation of operations here in February which resulted in a pay sheet based upon an output of about 6,000 tons of coal, scarcely a fifth of the usual quantity. To add to the general gloom an epidemic of grippe has swept the city, entering almost every home, reducing the working force in the mines, and affecting proportionately every other activity. There is scarcely a business house which is not understaffed, the benches at the public schools are almost half vacant, and an occasional procession to the cemetery up the hill tells that not all the victims escaped with merely the discomforts and inconveniences of a few days sickness.

"The humors of a case of conjugal infidelity which found its way into the police court have caused some little commotion locally. One Sulli, an Italian residing at Ladysmith, married a sixteen-year-old girl recently, whom he decked with gold chains and jewelry to the limit of his purse. A day or two ago the bride eloped with a Don Juan, of her own nationality, named Rossi, and the couple put up at the Globe hotel here where they were found by the infuriated husband, who, by the way, was more concerned about the loss of his trinkets than the loss of the girl herself. With the aid of the police he managed to get his goods and chattels back and also to have his hated rival locked up.

John Keen, Chairman, JOHN KEEN.

CARPENTERS' STRIKE.
New York, March 30.—Two hundred carpenters' helpers engaged in the erection of stands and bleachers on the new grounds of the American League baseball teams, struck today. They claim they were to receive \$2, but got only \$1.50 daily.

WANT TO RE-ELECT DIAZ.
Mexicans Hold Mass Meetings Favoring ex-President.

Mexico City, March 30.—Largely attended mass meetings are being held in various states of the republic to promote the candidacy of President Diaz for re-election. At meetings held in Chihuahua, Colima, Vera Cruz and other cities, resolutions were unanimously adopted commanding his administration and asking that he accept the candidacy again.

FIGHTING IN DOMINGO.
Revolutionists Making Good Headway and Have Surrounded Capital.

Cape Hartion, Hayti, March 30.—A serious engagement took place Saturday between the Dominican government troops and the revolutionary forces at Juan Calvo, near the town of Brabazon. The losses on the government side were 20 killed and 42 wounded, while the revolutionists lost five killed and 11 wounded. The telegraph line is interrupted beyond Cotol. It is rumored here that the government troops have surrounded the capital Santo Domingo and that a battle is imminent.

LABOR OMNIA VINCIT.
Fernie, B. C., March 30.—The officers of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, have at last prevailed. The Fernie strike has been declared off, and a contract for two years signed this evening between the company and the Western Federation of Miners at Fernie, and they will now return to work.

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GERMAN'S IDEA
OF DEWEY'S SHIPS

Maneuvers Generally Childish
And Result In Much News-
paper Glory

Berlin, March 30.—The Foreign Office here is fully satisfied with the explanations Admiral Dewey made to President Roosevelt regarding the interview with the Admiral which appeared in the New York, N. J., paper, and in which the German navy and the German Emperor were mentioned. No communication on the subject has passed between the Foreign Office and the German embassy at Washington, because the officials here from the beginning felt certain that if Admiral Dewey had been correctly reported, the government of the United States would do everything proper on its own initiative without any reminder from here.

Count von Reventlow, in the Tagblatt today, compares the German and American navies. He says Germany's first squadron is homogeneous and always ready for instant service. "It could," he adds, "smash Dewey's heterogeneous assemblage, which has not a single modern armored cruiser."

The Count von Reventlow, in the American newspaper, has "generally childish" and as "always resulting in defeat of the hostile fleet, the naval commanders therefore gaining large newspaper glory."

Count von Reventlow refers to the poor marksmanship of the West Indian fleet to its insufficient number of officers and men, and the "low morale of the navy," as indicated by the numerous desertions, and says he believes "the United States will some day have a fine fleet, but she has not one yet."

ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.
King and Queen to Sojourn in Emerald
Isle This Summer.

London, March 30.—It is officially announced that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland in July or August of this year.

ERIE TRAIN WRECKED.
Corry, Pa., March 30.—The Erie railway fast Cleveland train which left here at 9 o'clock, was wrecked at Concord, six miles West of this city. Two coaches jumped the track, and Mrs. C. T. Hennessy, of New York, was slightly injured. Others are suffering from shock, cuts and bruises.

C. P. R. FAST SERVICE.
Special Makes 72 Miles per Hour Between Toronto and Montreal.

London, Ont., March 30.—A special train from Toronto to Windsor station, over the C. P. R., Saturday made the run of 228 miles in four hours and three quarters, or an average of 57 miles an hour, the fastest time on record between these two points. In sections the train attained a speed of 72 miles an hour.

AMERICAN INDEMNITY.

Shanghai, March 30.—The bankers' commission met today and declined to forward the American silver indemnity bond for signature by the Chinese representatives on the ground that the terms of the bond were inconsistent with the commission's previous declaration regarding the indemnity. At the same time and government in China have now united in a protest against the payment of the indemnity. They declare that the sources of taxation are exhausted, and that further extortion will impoverish the people, tend to excite rebellion, and hamper trade.

NOVITIATE BURNED.
Establishment Near St. Hyacinthe Goes Up in Smoke.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., March 30.—The novitiate, located in this city, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire, which is supposed to have originated from an overheated furnace, was not discovered until it had obtained considerable headway. All the inmates, save the novices, were taken to safety by the police. They declare that the sources of taxation are exhausted, and that further extortion will impoverish the people, tend to excite rebellion, and hamper trade.

It is announced that the example of the Morgan trust has led the Canadian and Allan lines to enter into a working arrangement, under which the tickets are exchangeable for return from New York and Boston by Canadian line, and from Montreal and Quebec by the Allan line in summer, and from St. John and Halifax in winter. The arrangement applies to both saloon and second cabin passengers.

HON. SIEPTON IN LONDON.
Arrived Yesterday and Will Assist Foreign Office Prepare Case.

Montreal, March 30.—The Star's London cable says: "Hon. Clifford Sifton, Canadian minister of the interior, arrived today in London. The Alaska commission, which is to hold its sittings in London, is not expected to meet for some months yet. Mr. Sifton has been instructed to assist the Foreign Office in preparing the British case to go before the tribunal."

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New Canadian Transcontinental

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System.

Ontario Opposition Postpone
Debate on Speech From
Throne.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, March 30.—President William Mackenzie of the Canadian Northern railway has gone to Montreal, Quebec and Halifax. During the trip Mr. Mackenzie will complete plans for the absorption of several Nova Scotian and New Brunswick roads as part of the Mackenzie & Mann transcontinental road. He will also attempt a plan for connecting the Eastern railroads with the Great Northern, and complete arrangements for an interchange of freight and passenger traffic with the Dominion Atlantic line.

It was decided at today's session of the legislature, in response to a request from Mr. Whitney, that the debate on the Speech from the Throne stand over until after the investigation into the Gaunt charges, as the opposition did not know what they might want to say to His Honor in reply.

One of the tellers in the head office of the Imperial Bank here was dismissed about a week ago on the discovering of a shortage in his account of \$2,000.

Toronto Junction, March 30.—The G. T. R. station was discovered on fire about 11 o'clock tonight. The engine in which are operating instruments, office records, etc., was badly wrecked. The building was of wood and of little value.

Hon. Mr. Ross announced today that the commission to Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Fairbridge to investigate the Gamey charges had received the signature of Sir Oliver Mowat. The commission will meet this week to make arrangements, but no evidence will be heard until next week.

FRENCH AUTHOR ATTACKED.

Lady Fires Two Shots on Streets of Paris but Provost Unharmed.

BRIDGE BUILDERS' STRIKE.

New York, March 30.—According to the officers of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, there is a possibility that the strike of structural iron workers against the American Bridge Company may eventually throw 200,000 persons out of employment throughout the country. President Buehman and Secretary Johnson, of the association, attended the meeting of the Central Federated Union today and spoke against the strike.

"We will fight until we win," President Buehman said.

"We have the work of the companies in, as far as Canada is concerned, and word has come from California that the unions there have fallen in line."

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

Personnel of New Body Announced in Montreal Last Night.

Montreal, March 30.—Speaking at the Laurier Club tonight, Hon. Raymond Prefontaine announced that the Transportation Commission to be appointed by the government would consist of Sir William Van Horne, George Bertram of Toronto, and Herbert Kennedy of Quebec. J. X. Perrault, Montreal, and Mr. Bell of Ontario, would be secretaries. He also stated that if the tariff was not revised at the present session, that during the coming year a committee of members of the government would take evidence regarding tariff matters with a view to such revision. The third announcement of interest was that the Grand Trunk railway would have a Canadian Atlantic port.

St. James division election will be held in May, according to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and he also expects parliament will adjourn some time in July.

GEN. BOOTH'S RETURN.

Albert Hall, Crowded from Floor to Dome, Gives Rousing Welcome.

London, March 30.—London accorded General Wm. Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, a great welcome home at the Albert Hall tonight. The immense auditorium was packed from floor to roof. There was not a vacant seat in the building, which has a capacity of 9,000 persons, and in spite of the rainy night, hundreds were turned away. The audience included Sir Edward Clark, Sir George Newnham, Lady Pender, Lady Murray, seven metropolitan mayors and mayresses, H. H. Asquith, and a number of other well-known persons. While two boxes were filled with members of the House of Commons, while two boxes were filled with members of the Stock Exchange, Ambassadors, Chancery and other guests of prominence who were unable to attend sent messages of regret.

JEALOUS HUSBAND KILLED.

Visitor Thrown Out Shoots Assailant With Fatal Effect.

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To Say Nothing of the Elbow Grease.

BEE BRAND BORAX

The Bee Borax is packed from what is known as Baloon Dust, which is the finest and driest particles of the Crystals that rise from the pulverizers, the same as the fine flour dust from the stones in the

Grist Mill Days of Old.

One of the Simplest Tests of Impurity is to take a small Quantity of Borax and put a little strong vinegar on it, if it effervesces it is mixed with one of its most common adulterations, washing soda, which, while it don't hurt, cheapens it.

Bee Brand Borax is guaranteed, absolutely pure. All Bee Brand Coupons are valuable, save them, they are in every package.

Dealers Arrive From Honolulu

Members of Crew of the G. A. Return By the Steamer Queen.

Wreckage Found on Coast May Be From the Ancona Empress Due.

Steamer Queen, which reached port on Sunday afternoon after making a very fast passage from the Orient, G. A. brought back to Victoria eight of the crew of the sailing schooner General, which left Victoria in command of Capt. D. L. Jones, on January 11th, on a sealing cruise to the Japan coast, and which was condemned at Honolulu. They still put out the port in Victoria. The remains were left of a sailing vessel in the time the vessel left the Straits. The hard luck started in the Roads, where the vessel cast an anchor, and after passing out of the straits she ran into a heavy gale and sprung a leak, resulting in the vessel being cast at the pumps in pools until Honolulu was reached. When in the latitude of Honolulu a series of heavy gales were encountered and the schooner broke her main boom and with a list, and leaking constantly, was unable to Honolulu. The anchor had been secured and as a result she was condemned. Capt. William Grant, manager of the Sealing Company, went south on the steamer Ancona, arriving at the Islands on the 13th inst., and according to the members of the crew, when she reached the port of San Francisco, it is believed that the schooner will be brought back to Victoria. The story of the desertion of the seven men on Oahu has been told. Four of the men were arrested and all have since been released. Some say on other vessels and two others, including Hutchison, secured good employment at the island port.

CASE OF SAN PEDRO.

Arrived Last Night with Case of 17
Skin.

There are now a fleet of four sealers lying at San Pedro, the eight of the schooner case out in the last 10 p. m. last night with a total of 117 skins. The schooners Triumph, the L. Alger are also at the Barkley's sand port.

MARINE NOTES.

The American bark John B. Inden with a cargo of 500 m. from the Sound, arrived at New York on Thursday, after a voyage of 117 days from Port Townsend.

The vessel of the British ship H. G. which sailed from San Fran last 18th instant, was seven days out having been delayed as a result of heavy weather encountered on her south-bound trip. Her officers had a story to tell of the southeasterly wind that whirled up the coast with hurricane speed and made headway at times impossible and at the time difficult for vessels bound south.

BANKLEIGH ARRIVES.

British Vessel Rammed by the City of Seattle Comes for Repairs.

The British ship Bankleigh, which brought general cargo for this port and Vancouver, and was rammed by the steamer City of Seattle, when discharging her cargo at the Terminal City, reached port just night in view of the bad weather, having been unable to get into the port, having been delayed as a result of heavy weather encountered on her south-bound trip. Her officers had a story to tell of the southeasterly wind that whirled up the coast with hurricane speed and made headway at times impossible and at the time difficult for vessels bound south.

MAY BE ANCONA.

Shipping Men Believe Finding of Wreckage
Indicates Mishap to Her.

A few days ago news was received of the finding of the body of the skipper of a ship's been reported "disappeared," and some months earlier. The evidence of these to some carrier have been ready to San Francisco. The schooner L. M. which has arrived there reports having passed a lot of lumber in latitude 22° north 125° west and 126° north and 125° west plus part of a vessel's yards with cables and ropes attached.

A Port Townsend paper says that the reports of the disappearance of lumber have caused considerable discussion among shipmen of this port, as to the identity of the vessel, which probably foundered off the Vancouver Island coast.

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Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to this offer. I am a specialist in rheumatism, and have treated more cases than any other physician, I think. For sixteen years I made 2,000 experiments with different drugs, testing all known remedies, while searching the world for something better. Nine years ago I found a costly chemical in Germany which, with my previous discoveries, gives me a certain cure.

I don't mean that it can turn bony joints into flesh again; but it can cure the disease at any stage, completely and forever. I have done it fully 100,000 times.

I know this so well that I will furnish my remedy on trial. Simply write me a post to my book on rheumatism and I will mail you an order on your druggist for six bottles. Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure. Take it for a month at my risk. If it succeeds, the cost is only \$5.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself—and your mere word shall decide it.

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AFRAID OF THE PEOPLE.

In most of the states of the American Union a pretty constant agitation is kept up for civil service reform, and the making of civil service positions depend upon it, and not upon political "pull." This agitation has its moods. Occasionally it reaches such a height that action is almost taken upon it, and then again it subsides and no action is actually taken. The agitation is based upon the theory that the people want civil service reform, but that groups of politicians operating political machines prevent the wishes of the people from being embodied in the legislation and other actions of the members of their so-called representative assemblies. The theory which is opposed to this is that in United States politics the politicians are not fighters for any particular end, but simply professional experts at finding out what the people want, and at maintaining their own power by giving them what they want. The question which theory is correct, as to civil service patronage at any rate, is likely to be tested in the State of Illinois. A bill providing for civil service reform has been introduced and passed, but with this rider that the people are to directly declare by means of the referendum whether they desire such bill or not. The remarkable thing about the matter is that the civil service reformers have almost without exception raised an outcry against the direct submission of the issue to the vote of the people. There is no dispute as to the merit of the Bill from their point of view, nor as to the fairness of the reference contained in the referendum clause. They object on general principles. Yet why? Civil service reformers, and nearly all other reformers, abuse the politicians, and declare that they themselves in a peculiar way represent the people. Yet here they are given a plain appeal to the people on the one question of all others upon which their differences with the politicians are most acute, objecting most strenuously. They may argue that the politicians are able to control the people against their best interests, even to the extent of controlling their votes. But if the power of the politicians rests in the people's vote, how can reformers of any kind reform anything except by destroying that power at its source. No man, or group of men, afraid of the people in whom the power rests in modern democratic days, can ever accomplish anything. Those who wish to abate political or other abuses must inform and educate the popular mind, and teach it to hate those abuses also. When they have accomplished that, the chances are they will find the politicians working with them, and not against them.

THE FERNIE SETTLEMENT.

We hope we are justified in thinking that the labor trouble at Fernie has been definitely and conclusively settled. We confess that our inability to follow the different phases of this most extraordinary of all strikes is only equalled by our inability to understand why such a strike was ever entered upon by any body of rational working men. There appears in the first place to have been no indisposition on the part of the company to meet its employees through representative committees, and certainly some of the grievances complained of were in process of being remedied at the very time the strike took place. It was not really a strike, but a "walkout," not prefaced by any demands for redress, and not continued by any tenable reasons for not returning to work. The men have had public opinion against them, they have had well known labor leaders against them, and they have had representative men in the labor organization of which they are themselves a part against them. All that pressure has been just sufficient to get them to go back to work. Either those men have been suffering under conditions which they lack the power to describe, but which are nevertheless grievous, or they are irresponsible members of society to a very dangerous degree who take a delight in social war apart from weighty reasons justifying or excusing it. In either case they are, or have been, a menace to the peace and prosperity of the country. We do not know what proportion of Southern Europeans are employed at Fernie, but we have a difficulty in believing that Canadian, American, or English working men could ever have conducted their affairs in such a disordered fashion as the miners there apparently have done. The character of working men is a very important factor both in their own welfare and in the welfare of their employers. The Fernie miners have not shown very favorably in this respect, unless the reports cause us to do them a grave injustice. But we sincerely hope that both the Crow's Nest Coal Company and the miners will live up loyally to both the letter and the spirit of the agreement they have signed, and that lasting peace will be the result.

CONTROL OF RAILWAY RATES.

It is very doubtful whether Mr. Blair's commission, even if it is intended to will actually be able to control railway rates. The only effective control of rates which can be devised must be based on the capitalization of the railway companies. One hundred dollars worth of stock to pay a six per cent. dividend must earn six dollars. Two hundred dollars worth of stock to pay the same dividend must earn twelve dollars. If the dividends are earned out of railway profits, then, upon the same business offering, the profit over cost of operation must in the one case be twice as high as in the other. We do not know of any railways that are paying excessive dividends upon their nominal capitalization. But we do know of many railways which are earning very excessive profits upon a capitalization based upon cost of construction. But a railway commission can do nothing in such a case, because this condition of affairs has only come about after the stocks have become a vested interest in the hands of innocent purchasers. Most railways have been built upon the discount system of promotion, a very lucrative one provided the railway becomes a profit-earning institution within a reasonable time, but the only means so far devised for procuring the ready money to build railways when there are no dividends in sight. It is a great mistake to imagine that all the water in a railway stock is a theft from the people. A good deal of it is absorbed by the railway itself, while traffic is being built up. A capitalist who invests money in a new road naturally wants something to represent the interest he has to do without for a number of years, and he usually gets what he wants. This system of raising money is open to grave abuses. It has been largely abandoned by governments with whom it used to be much in vogue, but railway promoters cling to it with great persistency. Something might be done to improve it by a railway commission, but to attack the rates which are the direct result of it, is about as futile a proceeding as could well be imagined. If a commission can control the capitalization of a railway per mile it can control rates, but it cannot control rates so long as the capitalization per mile is left absolutely uncontrolled.

JAMES BAY CAUSEWAY.

In two or three days time the Legislature will be again in session, and the quintessence of brains which constitutes its membership, will be winding its weary way to and fro across that antique structure known as James Bay bridge. It is, therefore, a good opportunity to remind the world at large that it is now sometime since the policy of this city was directed towards securing a modern causeway across James Bay, and that this policy seems to have been overtaken by a general decrepitude, of which the present condition of the bridge itself is an apt illustration. It is not fair to our representatives to make them traverse such a structure. If any people in the world require firm ground beneath their feet at all times to keep them from "swobbling" they do. But there is a more serious aspect to the question. There are certain overhanging rocks on a cliff near Edinburgh regarding which there was a tradition that they would fall on the wisest man who ever passed under them. Quite a number of people avoided those rocks on that account. It was not the kind of thing to take unnecessary risks over. But our legislators have practically no option but to cross James Bay bridge, and the risk of the bridge being crushed by sheer weight of intellect, is excessive. Some scoffers are rude enough to say that nobody would be hurt. That if the bridge fell down, it would be better down anyway, and that nothing will ever be done to build the causeway till it does fall down, and that if a legislator or two fell with it and stuck in the mud beneath it would merely be scientific harmonization of their external environment. But these are people of undue levity, and a sneering habit of mind. The members of the legislature should be warned in time, that if they use the bridge they do so at their own risk.

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It is reported that the St. Eugene mine at Moyie is to resume operations.

A game of chess was played between the passengers of the Etruria and Minnetonka by means of wireless telegraphy when the vessels were seventy miles apart.

The Liberal Association of Nelson, Kamloops and New Westminster have negatived the proposal of Vancouver's Liberal Association to revive the question of the leadership of the Provincial Liberal party.

Delay in calling together the Yukon council has caused the elected members to threaten to ask the intervention of the Governor-General. The elected members are in a majority on the council.

The cry of hard times has not ceased to echo in Kootenay, but we observe from the news columns of the local press that mines that are mines are working full blast, and that money is being found to develop prospects which have the earmarks of mines.

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death of a Japanese woman occurred at
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Harold Carlow's Funeral.—Rev. Mr.
Vick, officiated at the funeral of
Harold Carlow, aged 16 years son of
Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Carlow, now of
Cedar Hill road. The service was held at
the residence of the grandmother, Caledonia
avenue. Many attended, and the follow-
ing young gentlemen acted as pall-
bearers: Masters H. McGregor, C.
Brown, H. Clarke and H. Miller.

The Poundkeeper.—Before the coun-
cil met in regular session yesterday
evening, the board was addressed briefly
by D. A. Upier, manager of the West-
ern Union Telegraph Company, who
related his complaints against the con-
duct of Poundkeeper Curran. It was
almost the unanimous opinion of the
elders that the city would be better
off for change.

Heavy Snows.—The White Pass and
Yukon Railway was buried in snow last
week, and the rotary snow plough was
placed in commission to clear the tracks
to Cariboo. A furrow between seven
and 14 feet wide had to be ploughed
through hard wet snow all the way from
the tunnel. At the summit a heavy
wind blew in the cut made and the snow
plough had to open the way many times,

Steamboatmen Meet.—A special meet-
ing of the British Columbia Steamboat-
men's Association was held on Sunday
afternoon and another meeting was held
yesterday, to discuss internal arrange-
ments of the society. Officials of the
society interviewed after the meeting
stated that the business of the meeting
referred solely to the internal arrange-
ments of the society and did not refer
to the pending strike.

Actress Sues Merchant.—Rose Daven-
port, a vaudeville actress, who played
in the Demoneau music hall in this city
about two months ago, has entered a
suit in Portland for \$225 and costs
against Robert Burris, a well known
commission merchant of Portland. Ac-
cording to a despatch from that city, Mr.
Burris gave Miss Davenport a check for \$450, and then on second
thought ordered the bank to refuse pay-
ment.

Macabre at Home.—The "at home"
to be given at the residence of Mr. Pat-
ton, Catherine and Skinner streets, by
the Ladies of the Macabre tomorrow
evening, will not be an April Fool gathering
by any means. This is the first
social event the newly organized lads
of busy bees have held, and no pains
are being spared to make the occasion
a thoroughly enjoyable one. An enter-
taining and amusing programme has
been prepared.

Christian Endeavor Leader.—Charles
E. Ehrenberg, field secretary of the
United Society of Christian Endeavor,
arrived in the city yesterday from Boston
by the steamer Majestic to hold
meetings here in the interest of the
Christian Endeavor movement. He
will address a meeting to be held
tonight at the first Presbyterian church
on the subject of "What the Christian
Endeavor Offers to Young People." After
leaving Victoria, Mr. Ehrenberg will
proceed to Alberta. He is registered at
the Vernon hotel.

The Timber Laws.—Mr. D. O. Mott,
of D. O. Mott & Son, shingle millers,
and Mr. J. G. Billings, representing the
Yale-Columbia Lumber Co., accompa-
nied several gentlemen to a despatch
from Boston to the coast to urge certain
amendments to the present timber laws
of the government. These gentlemen
intend to work with the local lumber-
men's Association, the wishes of the
two bodies being practically identical,
and it is probable that a joint delegation
will come to Victoria.

Famous Singers Coming.—Two impor-
tant factors at the Cycle of Musical
Festivals to be given in this city, are
the appearances of the English tenor,
Wilfrid Virgo, and of the English bar-
itone, Reginald Davidson, both of whom
have been specially selected by Sir Alex-
ander Mackenzie, to sing the principal
parts in the choral works throughout
the Dominion. Their voices are of
phenomenal calibre, fully equal to the
demands which, in their incessant duties
in this long chain of festivals, will be
made upon them; and great care has
been taken in the choice of these artis-
ttes to fill these important positions.

Rosa in Disgrace.—Major Charlie
Ross, the famous Canadian scout, who
served with such distinction throughout
the South African war, is in disgrace. He
is accused of selling government
property, and warrants for his arrest
have been issued by authority of the
British War Office. Ross, however, has
escaped across the Portuguese border,
for the present evading the stern jus-
tice of British military law. Implicated
in the transactions which have
brought shame upon the once-famed sol-
diers are a number of other young Can-
adians well known in Ontario circles.

No More Dogs.—The rush from Daw-
son to Tanana has had the effect of
causing a shortage of dogs at Dawson.
The malnouts are now bringing from
\$50 to \$75 each. Frank Johnson, who
was a passenger on the R. R. to Tanana,
arrived over the trail to Whitehorse
yesterday. He is enroute to Skagway
and will be in Skagway in a few days.
The Long Pine ore is being shipped
through the quartz, and carrying some
high values in silver, some of which is
supposed to be in telluride. The Zola M. ore,
which is shipped by Mr. Fraser, of the Bank of
Montreal, at Rossland, is a fine quartz
with high copper, gold and silver values,
the copper being largely in carbonates.

Theatre Improvements.—The interior
of the Victoria theatre is now undergo-
ing a process of improvement to an extent
which involves the expenditure of
\$7,000 or \$8,000, and when the task is
completed the playhouse will be found
quite up to the standard desired by its
patrons. New carpets have already been
laid, new stage furniture obtained, the
dressing rooms renovated and refur-
ished; and in a few days the decorator and
scenic artist will commence on the cel-
laring and scenery. The lobby is to be
enclosed with glass doors, the receipt
counter and the room for the press
entrance fitted up as cloak room for
ladies. This latter will be in charge of
a female attendant.

Young Sailor Drowned.—Oscar Mag-
nussen, a Swedish lad, 18 years of age,
was drowned at Stell Lake, Vancouver
Island, on Wednesday last. The body
was taken to Vancouver on the steamer
Cassiar on Saturday. Oscar was one
of the three young sailors who were
paid off from a ship which arrived at
Vancouver about six months ago. Be-
ing favorably impressed with the coun-
try, the young men decided to try their
fortunes ashore, and secured employ-
ment at a logging camp of the B. C.
Timber & Trading Company at Rock
Bay. It was while engaged in this
connection that Oscar met his death. In
an endeavor to bring a log ashore, by
pulling, he lost his balance and fell; his
head came in violent contact with the
wood, stunning him, and rendering him
unable to assist himself when he fell
into the water. He sank instantaneously,
in sight of companions, who hurried
frantically to his aid.

Will Be No Strike.—The Carriage
Builders and Horse Shoers Association
of Victoria, at a meeting held last night
in Sir William Wallace Hall, decided
to work their shops nine hours a day
instead of ten hours, as was formerly
practised, and to pay the following scale
of wages for the mechanics em-
ployed, viz., \$3, \$2.50 and \$2 per day,
being the same wages as formerly paid
for ten hours per day. The Black-
smiths' Union, their meeting held on
Saturday, submitted the following propo-
sition to the employers: The minimum
scale of wages to be, for men, \$18
a week of 51 hours; for women, \$15, and car-
riage helpers, \$12. Saturday afternoon
was to be time and a half pay. The em-
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to shut their shops at 1 p. m. on Saturday
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Board Of Trade Committee Pres-
ents Report Urging Need Of
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Move Subject Of Animated
Discussion.

The most important matter considered at the special meeting of the Board of Trade last evening was the report upon the steamboat communication between Victoria and the West Coast, submitted by a special committee. The report recommended an appeal to the Dominion government for liberal assistance based principally upon the development which would follow on the institution of an improved service.

A synopsis of the proposed bill relating to the appointment of harbor commissioners was also taken up in the discussion wandering off into the labyrinth of a proposed legislative measure.

The president, Mr. L. McQuade, convened the meeting shortly after eight, the attendance only presenting a narrow margin over the necessary quorum.

Mr. C. H. Lugrin gave notice of the following motion:

Whereas there are numerous settlements along the coast of British Columbia, the progress and prosperity of which are retarded by reason of the limited means of communication available to the settlers; And whereas, also there are numerous localities where settlements in great measure exist, if the settlers could be assured of better facilities of communication than now exist;

And whereas, the trade of the existing settlements does not warrant any steamship owners in putting on a more frequent service, it is, therefore, resolved—

Therefore, resolved that in the opinion of this board it is incumbent upon the provincial and federal governments to take into consideration the best means of providing better facilities of communication than are now available to the above mentioned settlements, with a view to their development. Further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the federal and provincial governments, the British Columbia Senators and Members of the House of Commons, and the representatives of the several provincial constituencies in the development of the business of the coast.

The committee appointed to look into the question of better transportation facilities for points on the West Coast brought in the following report:

Your committee beg to submit the following report upon the steamboat communication between Victoria and West Coast of Vancouver Island.

In connection with this question, your committee interviewed Senator Tempman, Mr. George Riley, Esq., M. P., Captain Troup, Captain Townsend of the Queen City, and many leading men and others who are in the habit of traveling between Victoria and the West Coast or who have interests there.

Your committee are of opinion that the officers in command of the Queen City have endeavored to carry on the service as well as the means at their disposal, and in consequence of the want of a more extensive and a greater number of steamship lines, it is of paramount importance to the trade of Victoria that the means of communication should be convenient and frequent and that a larger and faster steamer than the Queen City is necessary.

In view of the known mineral deposits on the West Coast and the development which is now proceeding, the service cannot too strongly insist that it is of paramount importance to the trade of Victoria that the means of communication should be convenient and frequent and that a larger and faster steamer than the Queen City is necessary.

It has been pointed out to your committee that the present shipments to and from the West Coast would not in themselves justify the use of a more expensive steamer than the Queen City, excepting for certain seasons, and that a steamer of this size cannot be expected to carry on a service entirely at their own risk which is likely to leave a loss, although the improved service may be of very great indirect benefit to Victoria and the West Coast.

Your committee were of the opinion that the development of the country in the mines of steamship lines is of worthy of the support of the Dominion government as its development by means of railways, and that it may often be that the results are even

upon the lines set forth in the synopsis laid before the board this evening."

Mr. Kingham contended that the motion was out of order, as the board had already constituted itself by favoring the creation of harbor commissioners on certain conditions.

Mr. A. Henderson also considered that it would be inconsistent to adopt what had been adopted at the last meeting.

Mr. C. F. Todd moved in amendment that the draft bill for the appointment of harbor commissioners be printed and mailed to each member of the board for consideration at an adjourned meeting.

Mr. Shallcross considered that it was essential to ascertain further details as to the condition of the inner harbor. He took exception to the high salaries allowed the commissioners. He referred to Mr. Kingham and Mr. Sorby as being concerned in the drafting of the bill, and this brought Mr. Kingham to his feet in strenuous denial.

Mr. Shallcross then entered into a close criticism of the draft bill, citing the following figures:

Appropriations for Victoria inner harbor for year ending June 30, as follows:

1901-\$3,640.91, dredging, \$13,044.77.

rock, \$1,456.92.

1890-\$3,202.

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1897-\$3,462.20.

1896-\$7,541.01.

1895-\$9,747.65.

1894-\$9,954.60.

1893-\$6,004.16.

1892-\$6,192.31.

Total-\$68,106.61—average for 10 years, \$6,310.66.

Outer harbor:

1894-\$11,570.48.

1893-\$11,655.05.

1892-\$11,178.23.

Total-\$24,703.76.

Outer and Inner harbors, 10 years—\$7,810.37.

Further information was required and he favored the appointment of commissioners with limited powers.

Mr. Kingham wound up the debate with an expression of opinion that the board had disagreed, and endeavored to prove his contention by reading the correspondence of the board in relation to harbor commissioners.

Mr. Todd's amendment was then put and carried by a vote of eight to five.

The meeting adjourned subject to the called of the chair.

MEETING OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEESContract Awarded For the Lay-
ing Out of the Grounds of
the High School.

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held yesterday afternoon, with the chairman, Mr. L. Riley, in the chair, the tenders for the improvement of the High school grounds, which involves the business of rock, laying out plots, lawns, walks and generally improving the grounds of the High school, were opened and considered. Three tenders were submitted and the contract was awarded to Mr. Manton, who will grade the grounds, blast rock, and carry out the plan of improvement as has been laid down.

There was some discussion in regard to the forthcoming exhibition of school work, which will be held at the city market building, commencing on Friday evening. The city superintendent, Mr. Eaton, reported regarding the preparations and progress for the exhibition of the work of the separate schools, and the exhibit of this year's work, which will give a fair idea of the work that is being done in all lines at the various schools. No formal action was taken in this matter by the board.

The report of the Building and Grounds' committee recommending that the drainage work be effected at Rock Bay school at a cost of \$100, was adopted.

The superintendent was authorized to make temporary provision to fill the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Noble, who goes to Vancouver at the end of the month to take a position at the city schools. The appointment of a successor was left to the next meeting of the board.

VIC. RIA WEST A. D. C.

The Victoria West Dramatic Club Held
Last Rehearsal.

The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society held their last full dress rehearsal of the drama entitled "Bordertown," last night, and it went off without a hitch, and all the performers proved that the right parts had been allotted to them.

A splendid production of this thrilling play is a foregone conclusion. Thursday and Friday, the 3rd and 4th of next month, are the dates set for the production of the above-mentioned piece and the club feels confident that those who attend will be fully satisfied that they have had their money's worth. The comic farce, "A Kiss in the Dark," was only temporarily on the route.

Mr. Shallcross explained that the Ties was not on the route when the report was prepared.

Mr. Lugrin moved, and Mr. Seabrook seconded, that the report be adopted, subject to the above explanation by Mr. Shallcross, and this carried.

A synopsis of the draft bill on the appointment of harbor commissioners was then presented.

Letters were read from Lindley Crease and S. J. Pitts respecting their inability to be present, and containing an expression of their views on harbor commissioners. Mr. Crease wrote urging that the following questions be fully discussed:

1. Will the city be benefited by the appointment of harbor commissioners?

2. Does the prevailing condition of affairs warrant the commencement of works of a costly nature?

3. If so, how are the funds to be provided?

4. If the construction of works on a large scale are not immediately contemplated, has the time arrived to provide for the creation of an authority with full powers to take the work in hand as soon as thought expedient?

5. How can the decision as to the time of commencement and the nature of the work be secured, directly or indirectly, to the citizens of Victoria?

Mr. S. J. Pitts wrote to the effect that whilst heartily endorsing the creation of a board of harbor commissioners, with ample powers necessary to facilitate the judicious management and improvements of both the harbor and outer harbors of this port, still he wished to be clearly understood that he by no means approved or endorsed all the provisions contained in many clauses of the bill of which a synopsis had been prepared.

Mr. Lugrin handed in a draft bill purporting to be on the lines of the Montreal and Quebec harbor boards.

Mr. Fraser inquired as to the origin of this draft bill?

Mr. Lugrin stated that he had received it from Mr. Kingham at the last meeting.

Mr. Higgins considered that the bill was most inaccurate and the preface contained a gross libel upon the position of Victoria harbor.

Mr. Mason moved, and Mr. Higgins seconded, that the report of the special committee be received and laid upon the table for the consideration of the members of the board.

Mr. Higgins argued that the draft bill should be rejected on the ground that the preamble specifying the limits of the harbor was misleading, and other inaccuracies. He objected to the high salaries to the commissioners and the power given to them to levy rates. The present civic taxation was growing apace. He understood that there were only five members of the Voters' League present when it was decided to draft a harbor bill on "Montreal lines."

The motion carried, Mr. Fraser being the only dissentient.

It was moved by Mr. Shallcross and seconded by Mr. Higgins, "that this board is of opinion that further information is required before it can approve of harbor commissioners with powers

A RUSSIAN DECREE.

Praising World-Famous Tonic.

By decree of the Russian Government, medical and health authorities, after subjecting Vin Mariani (Tonic Wine) to most vigorous test and analysis, the medical council thoroughly approved of same, and authorized its entry into Russia.

The Paris Academy of Medicine and sciences gave the name Vin Mariani to Mons. Mariani's preparation in honor of his valuable labors and achievement.

Vin Mariani has written endorsements from more than 8,000 Canadian and American physicians. It is the most popularly used Tonic-Stimulant in Hospitals, Public and Religious Institutions. It is largely employed by Ministers, Lawyers, Singers, Orators, Actors, Members of Parliament, etc., etc. Never has anything been so highly and so justly praised as the Ideal French Tonic, Vin Mariani.

An ordinary gas jet, consuming five cubic feet of gas per hour, uses up four times as much atmospheric air as a human being consumes in the same time.

You should not feel tired all the time—healthy people don't—you won't if you take Hood's Sarsaparilla for a while.

See our Government street window display of brooms and brushes. This is the time of year when everything has a clean sweep; you can do the sweeping better if you have a good broom. Try Grandpa's brooms, etc.



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Our present position is due to past success, our future depends upon a continuance of our present policy of pure goods perfectly made.

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Look for the Spaniard MANANA on every box (without which none are genuine).

The Duke of Abercorn was introduced to John Redmond, and PEACE with IRELAND was PATCHED by "HOUSE OF COMMONS" Whisky.

We read in the Colonist, "They patched up the peace of Ireland over the House of Commons refreshment bar." This bar is supplied by Jameson's Blended Whisky Co. with their famous whiskies, one of which takes its name from and is known as the "HOUSE OF COMMONS" whisky. Call for "HOUSE OF COMMONS" and get the identical whisky as served to the great legislators. Leading dealers and bars.

ANAEMIA

Are you weak, pale, melancholy? Is your sleep restless, breathing fitful and catchy, mind dull? Are you irritable, feel nervous, apt to groan? Does exertion make you feel weak and tired, often feel sleepy? Heart almost stop beating? Ever feel dizzy and as if you would faint?

These are evidences of that dread disease—Anaemia.



CHAS. KENT, T.

Treasurer and Collector.

City Treasurer and Collector's Office, City Hall, Victoria B. C.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of the application of Albert Edward Todd for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to part 5 22-100 acres of Section Sixty-Eight (68) Victoria District, dealing with the property described in the Deed of Conveyance, dated 15th November, 1889, and made between Helen McLean of the one part, and Thomas Edward of the other part.

Notices are hereby given that a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to the above-mentioned lands will be issued to Albert Edward Todd on the 15th day of May, 1903, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar, Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 2nd February, 1903.

R. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE, Registrar.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the matter of the application of Leon Curta for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to Lots Three Hundred and Ninety-Six (396), Six Hundred and Five (605) and Six Hundred and Six (606) feet of frontage on the 25th day of May, 1903, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General, Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., 10th February, 1903.

YATES & JAY, Solicitors for Plaintiff.

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the matter of the application of Charles Hayward, for a Certificate of Indefeasible Title to Lot Twelve Hundred and Seventy-Eight (1278) Block Forty-Six (46) Victoria City, having a frontage on the 25th day of May, 1903, unless in the meantime a valid objection thereto be made to me in writing by some person claiming an estate or interest therein or in some part thereof.

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All mineral rights are reserved by the Squatters & Farmers' Hallway Company on the land bounded on the west by the Strata of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, on the east by the 4th Avenue, and on the south by the boundary of the S. & N. Hallway & General Land Company.

LEONARD H. SOLLEY, Land Commissioner.

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A NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN

We have many of them; also Unpainted Tubs and Buckets, all sizes. Also assortment of Scrubbing Brushes from

10 CTS. TO 25 CTS. EACH.

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Much Street Work Ordered

Council Authorizes Compara-
lively Large Expenditure
Urgent Demands.

Numerous Tenders For Water
Pipes Referred to Commissi-

oner For Report.

The most important business transacted at yesterday evening's session of the City Council, which, by the way, was characterized by a commendable businesslike alacrity, was the authorization of the commencement of large amounts of necessary street work. The Revenue and Expenditure bylaw was passed through its final stages.

His Worship Mayor McCandless, and all the aldermen were present with the exception of Ald. Yates.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries acknowledged receipt of letter from board, regarding fishing regulations, no decision would be reached until the report of the commission had been considered. Received and filed.

A. E. Woods, of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, wrote agreeing to give one year's notice before taking over the market building. Referred to the City solicitor.

The Portland Publishing Company of Portland, Oregon, submitted a proposition for the renumbering of the residences of the city. Referred to the Streets' committee for report.

C. A. Holman, regarding the subdivision of the Douglas estate, requested the removal of a sidewalk on Birdcage Walk and the grading of a street. Referred to Streets' committee for report.

A. W. Jones, on behalf of the Finlayson estate, gave notice of appeal against a sewer rental tax as affecting certain lot. Laid on the table until the session of the board of revision. J. Chodirko called attention to the overcharge in the sewer rental tax on Store street. The tax was same course.

Thus Hooper asked for permission to use a portion of Belleville street opposite his residence as a boulevard. Permission granted under supervision of the city engineer, the latter to report.

E. A. Gallop, of the Fernwood Young Men's Association, asked further consideration of a resolution forwarded from that body asking for a recreation ground. Referred to the Streets' committee.

Alex. Beggs called attention to the grant of Mount Douglas as a public park. It would make a great tourist attraction. He proposed the erection of a summer house on the summit so as to give visitors to view the surrounding scenery, and hoped the council would take some action in that direction. The letter was signed "Alex. Beggs, prospective superintendent." Received and filed, the writer to be informed that the city is not in a position to take the matter up at present.

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EXHIBITION OF SCHOOL WORK

Product of Pupils of Public Schools to Be Shown at Market Building.

The exhibition of work of the pupils of city schools, which is being arranged to take place at the city market building, will be opened on Friday evening next. The exhibits, which will be placed on the ground floor, will be arranged upstairs, and will completely cover the walls of the galleries and rooms of the upper part of the civic building, will include all sorts of school work. All the exhibits are to be the work of this year, and unlike the usual exhibition, the exhibits will not comprise the picked work of the brightest pupils, but will include the work of all the pupils—the bad with the good. Every branch, including the exhibits of the manual training centres, amongst which will be a class of boys at work at their benches, will be placed on view. There will be model-making, clay, brush drawing, the room being set apart for the manual training exhibit. The city schools will also have a similar exhibit, the work of pupils trained by those teachers who took the summer classes in manual training under Mr. Dunne. Twenty-five teachers took this course, map-drawing, penmanship, bookkeeping, arithmetic, work, historical and classical maps, kindergarten work, with its paper cutting and folding, cardboard cutting, etc.—in fact all branches of school work will be shown. Every child's work will be placed on view. On the ground floor during the evening exhibition, drill, exhibitions of the school gymnasiums, other parts of the school work—will be shown. The hall will be available on Thursday afternoon from the time of the closing of schools. The exhibition will commence on Friday evening, and will be open on Saturday afternoon. No entrance fee will be charged.

NINGEEL MINSTRELS.

Royal Artillery Give a Very Successful Entertainment.

The bigger minstrel show given last night at the Racket Courts at the Work Point Barracks, was a grand success, and went off without a hitch. Sgt. Roy and the members of the Royal Artillery, Dr. G. G. Goodwin, W. S. Fraser, Dr. McLean, H. L. Levy, B. C. Electric Co., B. C. Market, B. C. Ormond, Hicks & Lovell, B. C. F. & T. Co., J. Piercy & Co.

Travelling—Advices from Skagway state that five steamboats are being prepared for the trip to the Taku, as soon as the ice goes out of the river. Most of the boats have already disposed of all their freight space and passenger reservations. The large influx of people from the South has resulted in a raise of rates from White Horse to the interior, and the report states that another raise will be made later in the season. The rate is now \$75.

A Wonderful Tonic and Strengthener

Said a druggist today, "No doubt about it, the tonic that gives best results is the biggest seller, and that is Ergotone. It cures, and purifies the blood, restores strength and energy to the feeble, and is a scientific reconstructive that was always popular. In Chlorosis, Anæmia, Tiredness, Languor, Brain Fag, Indigestion and Dyspepsia its action is prompt, and satisfactory cures always follow. Yes, I recommend Ergotone to my customers because I believe it is the best tonic and strengthening medicine that money can buy."

The performance will be repeated again this evening, and will be exclusive for civilians. The curtain rises at 8 p. m. sharp.

TO PROTECT PRESIDENT.

A conference agreement has been reached at Washington and accepted by the House on the bill to protect the president, vice-president and officers in time of session. The death penalty is proposed for actual assassination, death or imprisonment for at least 10 years falls to one who attempts to kill. Protection is extended to ambassadors or ministers accredited to the government. Penalties are provided for breaking the duty of protection of assassination. A special section prohibits the entry of apostles of anarchy by violence, or the naturalization of such apostles as may be found here. The bill should become a law without further delay.

A Good Quarter Dollar's Worth

Is contained in a bottle of Polson's Nervine, which cures Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica, Toothache, Headache, Cramps, Sick Stomach and Indigestion. Mothers find Nervine is first class liniment for children's sore throat, hoarseness, cold in the chest, and taken in hot water before retiring is a splendid remedy for colds. Don't be without Nervine; it is the most economical, potent and reliable household liniment made, and costs only 25c.

Dr. Hamilton's Pill, cure Constipation.

Resolved that the sum of \$200 be expended in laying a four-foot sidewalk on Foulger street, extending from the point where the present sidewalk terminates, northerly, this sidewalk to be laid on the west side of the said street.

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TO TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

(Furnished by the St. Mary's Robertson Co., Ltd., Mining Bankers, 23 Broad street, Toronto, March 30.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange today:

Asked. Bid.

Butte & Boston 7 44

Cariboo-McKinley 4 33

Cariboo-Hydraulic 15 11

Crow's Nest Pass Coal 22 28

Crow's Nest Pass Coal 22 28

Deer Park 2

Fisher Malden 55 45

Granby Smelter 304 2

Homestake 500 460

Monte Cristo Coal 7

Morrison 3

Mountain Lien 3

Novelt 15 11½

Princess Maud 20 18

Redemption 35 32

Redemption 7 5

Redemption 4 3

War Eagle 9 7

Waterloo 13 10

Winnipeg 35 3

Wonderful 4

Dom. Cons. 202 192

St. Eugene 45 35

TO TORONTO SALES.

Deer Trail, 2,000 at 15. 1,000 at 15.

Centre Stage, 1,500 at 21½.

War Eagle, 500 at 11.

American Bay, 2,000 at 15.

Giant, 1,600 at 2½.

TO VICTORIA TIDES.

For the Month of March, 1903.

(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

The time used is Pacific standard for the 120° Meridian West, calculated from 9 to 12, from midnight to midnight.

The tides are given in feet, to the nearest tenth.

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